ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

1. re. the prohibition of Public Meetings in Trichur.

Mr. President.—I have received an adjournment motion from Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar to discuss about the prohibition Order issued by the District Magistrate with regard to the holding of Meetings in Trichur and within an area of five miles. The motion seems to be technically in order.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—I object to it.

Mr. President.—Objection having been taken I want to know whether the House gives permission to the mover to discuss the motion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganore).*—Is it enough if the Government Member simply objects?

Mr. President.—When a notice of an adjournment motion has been given it is first for the President to decide whether the motion is in order. Once the President decided that the motion is in order and no Member objects to a discussion of the motion the President simply fixes the time. But if any Member takes objection then the President shall ask whether the Hon'ble Member has the leave of the Hon'ble House to move for the discussion of the motion under Rule 20 (2). Any Member can object, and under that rule I am asking whether the Member has the leave of the House.

(only 14 members stood up.)

Under Rule 20 (2) not less than twenty members should rise up in their places. Since only 14 have risen the Member has not got the leave of the House.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganore).*—I want a poll.

Mr. President.—There is no question of Poll in this.

The motion was negatived.

2. re. the rejection by Government of a motion recommending retrenchment in the cost of Administration.

Mr. President.—I have got another motion in the name of Mr. K. M. Ibrahim, for discussing the Government's rejection of cut motion No. 11 passed by the Council on 15th

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Karkitagom 1111 asking for retrenchment in the cost of administration, the said rejection of the cut motion by the Government having been made without mention of any reason whatsoever.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—The question of retrenchment is not one of immediate urgency. It is not a matter of recent occurrence on which an adjournment motion can be properly moved in this House.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganore).*—I maintain that it is a matter of recent occurrence. The cut motion which is referred to in the motion was passed in the last Budget session of the Council and the rejection of this motion dates far after the budget session and between the rejection of this particular motion of the Legislative Council and this particular meeting there was no other meeting. So this is the only occasion when we can bring it in the form of a motion.

Mr. President.—The point is in the statement of the adjournment motion, namely the question of rejection and that it is a matter of recent occurrence and of urgent nature.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganore).*—The rejection by Government is a recent matter.

Mr. President.—Does the Hon'ble Member say that every motion of the House which the Government rejects, i. e. the mere matter of rejection per se will be a matter for adjournment motion? If you move the motion then the subject matter of the motion will be the rejection by Government without reason of a motion.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar*(Secretary to Government).*—There is a resolution on a similar subject, No. 46.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganore.).*—That is quite different. In that a Committee has to be appointed and the Committee has to record its findings, etc. In this case the Council has already given its verdict. I maintain that this resolution is poles asunder from the adjournment motion.

Mr. President.—The Hon'ble Member has himself made the position very clear. It is not to discuss the merits of retrenchment or the Government refusing to accept any proposal but the action of Government in rejecting the cut motion without assigning any reason. I hold the mere action of Government is not of such urgency and a matter of public importance as to warrant an adjournment motion.

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